



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

March 22, 2000

H.R. 3039 **Chesapeake Bay Restoration Act of 1999**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
on March 16, 2000*

SUMMARY

H.R. 3039 would authorize the appropriation of \$30 million for each of fiscal years 2000 through 2005 for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to continue activities associated with its Chesapeake Bay program, including conducting studies on the status of efforts to restore the bay and the response of plants and animals to improvements in water quality. Of the authorized levels, \$20 million was appropriated in 2000. CBO estimates that implementing this legislation over the next six years would increase discretionary outlays by about \$138 million. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 3039 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). Any expenditures made by state and local governments to satisfy the matching requirements of grants authorized by this bill would be voluntary.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

For purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that the amounts authorized will be appropriated for each fiscal year and that outlays will occur at rates similar to those of past appropriations for EPA activities associated with the Chesapeake Bay program. The estimated impact of H.R. 3039 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and the environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority	20	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	20	10	4	1	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Estimated Authority Level	10	30	30	30	30	30
Estimated Outlays	3	20	26	29	30	30
Spending Under H.R. 3039						
Estimated Authorization Level ^a	30	30	30	30	30	30
Estimated Outlays	23	30	30	30	30	30

a. Of the amount shown for 2000, \$20 million has already been appropriated.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. Any expenditures made by state and local governments to satisfy the matching requirements of grants authorized by this bill would be voluntary.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On October 7, 1999, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 492, also titled the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Act of 1999, as reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on September 29, 1999. Both S. 492 and H.R. 3039 would reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay program and authorize appropriations of \$30 million for each of fiscal years 2000 through 2005.

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